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The Battle Against Drought

Man's efforts to control the mighty forces of nature are at the best puny and can be of little avail, but man can harness these forces to some extent and utilize them to his own advantage by working with instead of against nature.

This general principle is understood and is being used in the war against drought and its resultant evil, soil drifting, in the three prairie provinces by the board of agricultural and engineering experts of the federal and provincial governments and universities which has been set up under the Federal Prairie Farms Rehabilitation Act and which is just completing its first year of a five year plan.

Comforting words were uttered by Dr. E. S. Archibald, Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, the chairman of the Advisory Board created to administer the Act, at a week's conference of the Board and its five subsidiary committees in Regina recently when he announced, as the conclusion of one of the committees, that "soil drifting can be cut down to the absolute minimum." This was supplemented later by a report of the water conservation committee that its work "will increase the viable supply of water for prairie livestock by 30 or 40 times."

Proceeding on the basis indicated in the opening paragraph, and fortifying its efforts by applying the principle of co-operation, the Advisory Board and its subsidiary committees are on the high road to the goal of a measurable success in its efforts to devise and put into effect ways and means to ameliorate the disastrous effects of future drought periods on the western plains, provided the organization is not impeded any rigardness in the provision of the necessary ammunition—money—to bring its work to a successful conclusion.

In this connection it should be pointed out that the Federal government appropriated \$750,000 for the first year's work and agreed to vote a million a year for the ensuing four years of the programme. The demands for practical assistance involving monetary outlay are already very substantial. Some of the schemes requested may be practical and some may not. Some may be too expensive for the potential benefits and it remains yet to be demonstrated whether a million a year will be sufficient to carry out the gigantic task, even if the Board's efforts are confined to the most economic and most efficient of the numerous projects which have been and are being put forward.

The Board and its committees appear to be tackling their big problem in a workmanlike manner. From the information available to date it would seem that personal and professional jealousies, if any existed, have been relegated to the background and that all the members are working harmoniously with a single eye on the objective to be achieved. This is as it should be and is a matter for sincere appreciation.

One of the factors which will largely determine the success or failure of the plans and projects under way or under consideration is the matter of co-operation—co-operation between the governments involved and their servants, and co-operation between the Board and its committees on the one hand and the farmers in whose interests they are working, on the other.

This, it may be remarked, has been recognized and emphasized and this augurs well for beneficial results. In some of the districts which have been established for projective work and experimental undertakings farmers have set up local organizations to work hand in glove with the scientists, and where this is being done, maximum benefits should be obtainable.

In Saskatchewan assistance has been given by the provincial minister of agriculture that, so far as his government is concerned, there will be co-operation with the Federal organization, in the administration and operations of the new provincial Land Utilization Act which sets up machinery to arrange for evaluation of land unit for farming and which perhaps never should have been devoted to grain growing, and in its use for grazing purposes together with plans for improvement of such lands in districts where circumstances appear warranted.

With the impetus of several years of soil drifting and ruined crops behind them as a driving force, farmers are turning to the Board and its committees with open arms. This is demonstrated by the large number of applications received by the water conservation committee alone. Requests for dams and dugouts and irrigation projects, mostly small individual schemes, but including a scattering of larger community projects have been received by the committee to the number of 4,615 in the three provinces. From Saskatchewan points the committee has received requests for 840 small schemes and 40 large projects.

A considerable number of small projects have already been completed and the beneficial effect of their existence will be reaped for the first time with the run-off of water in the spring of 1936.

Reference might be made to other branches of work being developed and proceeded with by other committees, such as plans for tree planting, examination of soil conditions, and the use of moisture conservation under varying soil conditions, but space prohibits more than passing notice at this time. Suffice it to say that all these angles are being carefully studied by the several committees in charge.

The whole scheme is by far the most ambitious attempt yet made to solve the greatest problem confronting agriculture in the west. The best trained minds available are at work on it, and there is every reason to believe that with the co-operation already referred to a substantial measure of success will be achieved.

It is said that whooping cough is the most contagious of all childhood diseases.

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Food For Thought

Germany Building Up War Machine Greater Than Kaiser's

Cabling from Berlin, Frederick T. Birchall, English-born correspondent of the New York Times, and ablest of journalistic observers in Europe, writes of the "sensation among all classes of the population" caused by the latest act of the German Government. The act, briefly, summoned to the colors all classes of 1913 and 1918.

Watching Mussolini in Ethiopia, the world may well give a thought to this.

For what it means, as Birchall points out, is that Germany's male population is being wrought into a huge military machine; a war machine greater than anything ever possessed by the Kaiser.

Successively, as they reach years of usefulness, the millions of the Reich are to be catalogued and classified for such purposes as the state may determine. In addition to the actual standing army and reserve, there will exist for Germany in the future another army of millions which on the outbreak of war or in any other emergency can become a military reality. It is the beginning of that system of a nation in arms upon which Nazi ideology dwells so much.

This, seventeen years after the Armistice, is a devastating thing. Just recently we had France, the greatest military nation in the world, proclaiming that her army now is inferior to that of Germany; and meanwhile Germany goes on building a mighty air force, fashioning warships and submarines.

In Ethiopia are the legions of Italy. To the East exist the new threat of a mighty Japanese empire carved out of North China. But these things, arresting as they are, and perilous, pale before what goes on to-day beyond the Rhine.

To Aid Working Man

New Zealand Government Moves To Restore Wages

New Zealand's Labor government was sworn into office. Prime Minister Michael J. Savage said its first task would be to improve the lot of the unemployed. The next move would be to restore the wage levels prevailing in industry and the civil service before economy cuts were introduced by the National government in 1931.

The prime minister said he intended to get in touch with those who control the Dominion's financial system, including the reserve bank, in order to make available the country's real resources for national development.

"We shall have to find the resources," he declared. "We shall not follow the old ideas of continuously borrowing abroad and adding to the public debt."

W. H. T. Armstrong, minister of labor, said the cabinet intended to introduce a statutory minimum wage for both men and women, leaving an arbitration court to determine rates above the level.

Women Flyers

Every Bit As Capable As Men, Says B.C. Instructor

Harold Wilson, of the Aero Club of British Columbia, rated one of Canada's leading instructors, differs with an opinion attributed to Kenneth Main, Toronto Flying club instructor, that women make poor aeroplane pilots.

"Maybe eastern girls are different but we have always found that other things being equal, women who take up flying for sport are every bit as capable as the men," Mr. Wilson said.

"It must be borne in mind, however, that the industry offers little future at present for lady pilots other than for their own satisfaction."

The instructor said women suffer because of poor judgment of distance and speed.

Gift For Scouts

The silver-gilt push-button used by King George to light the Jubilee Scout Beacon in Hyde Park has been presented by His Majesty to Imperial Scout Headquarters. The medal bears the inscription: "Presented by King George V. to the Boy Scouts to commemorate the lighting of the beacon in Hyde Park on May 6th, 1935."



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- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
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- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sour milk or buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Melt chocolate in double boiler. Add butter, sugar and half cup sour milk. Mix well, then beat in eggs one at a time. Add sifted flour, baking powder, soda and salt, alternately with remaining half cup of sour milk and vanilla. Beat well and bake in layer cake tins in moderate oven from 25 to 30 minutes.

Frosting

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 eggs (whites)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Boil sugar and water until it forms a soft ball in cold water, or until it spins a thread. Add slowly to beaten egg whites, and continue beating until it is of consistency to spread. Add favoring and cover cake, decorating with grated chocolate and walnuts.

The Oldest Horse

Lived To Age Of Sixty Two According To Records

According to R. A. Brown, secretary of the National Horse Association, the oldest horse of which we have a reliable record is old Billy, who died in Cheshire 100 years ago at the age of 62. His skill is said to be preserved at Manchester University. Another famous veteran was Paramatta, an Australian horse, who was 53 when he died in 1874. Tommy, a Welsh pony, made regular rounds of the villages with a fruit hawk until he died at 52. Among four-legged "old soldiers," a Crimean War pack-horse, lived to 49. And Mick, who was foaled in 1888, and was a cab-horse in Hull for 25 years, was still alive a year or so ago.—London Answers.

Employment Increases

But Cost Of Relief Seems To Be Unchanged

Employment in Canada has reached the highest level since December, 1930, but relief costs have not moved correspondingly downward and there are still more than 1,000,000 Canadians in receipt of direct unemployment relief, according to an estimate of current trends released by the Canadian welfare council.

Extensive public works have contributed to the favorable employment trend in recent months, the welfare council asserts, while these in turn have stimulated activity in private business.

From the 1935 peak of 1,230,000 persons on direct relief last February, the number decreased to 1,100,000 estimated in the late autumn reports received by the council from relief departments and social agencies in the nine provinces. This compares with 1,150,000 estimated at this time last year, a drop of approximately 50,000.

An attempted comparison of these figures must, however, take into account, the council said, the fact that some 90,000 persons on relief last year in the drought areas of Saskatchewan have been removed from relief lists.

Consequently "it seems possible that there has been a more disturbing enlargement of the socially dependent in the urban and industrial centres within recent months than a first glance would indicate. This, together with mounting costs, suggests that the unemployment and unemployment relief problem has not lost but rather increased in seriousness in the past 12 months. The wider introduction of cash relief in many centres, without prior reorganization or adequate investigation and supervision services, appears to have added to the costs and the numbers on relief in certain areas."

May Tax New Bank

Premier Huphurn said he considers Ontario is entitled to impose a corporation tax on the Central Bank of Canada. "We regard it as a private institution and as such liable to a corporation tax," he stated.

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More Oats And Barley

Canada's wheat production for 1935 is now placed at 273,971,000 bushels or two millions below the 1934 figures. Oats have yielded 416,399,000 bushels or about thirty per cent. above 1934. Barley made a gain of 38 per cent. amounting to 27,512,000 bushels.

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Farm Experts Wrestling With Agricultural Problems In Western Drouth Areas

"Finding methods to peg down the western soil."

This was the expression used by Dr. E. S. Archibald, of Ottawa, to the Regina Kinship Club, in a speech describing the work being done by the federal and provincial scientists and farm experts who are wrestling with agricultural problems in the drouth areas of the three prairie provinces.

Dr. Archibald intimated that because of the money made available and the interest of the scientific staffs and farmers, a great project aimed at reclamation was getting under way in western Canada. One of the most interesting studies where work was being done on methods concerned with "pegging down" the soil was at Mortschlag. A soils research laboratory was being established at Swift Current.

Dr. Archibald, a former Nova Scotian, is the head of the Dominion experimental farm system, and was in Regina for a three-day conference of the scientists who are trying to solve problems created by drouth and pests. He was introduced by a former pupil, Hon. J. C. Taggart, Saskatchewan minister of agriculture, who was a student at the Truro Agricultural College when Dr. Archibald was a lecturer there.

Dr. Archibald explained that the committee, acting with money voted for rehabilitation at the last session at Ottawa, was receiving the co-operation of the Dominion's farm and scientific experts and those of the western provinces and universities. These men, acting in groups, were trying to find out how to stop soil drifting, to discover grasses that would grow in drouth areas, to give expert advice on cultivation in areas with differing soils, to lend assistance on water schemes and dams, and to find out what could be done with badly drifted areas that were now nothing but a series of sand dunes.

It was realized that the big job was to get the soil "pegged down" so that drifting might be stopped.

Strip farming was being tested, with the co-operation of farmers. The experts could make discoveries and offer suggestions but the job itself would have to be done by the farmers, not by the government or government committees. Dr. Archibald was rather hopeful of results from strip farming.

Created wheat grass, said Dr. Archibald, was proving its worth in dry areas. The government farms were now producing tons of seed of the best strains.

Before the committee went into action there were 25 illustration stations in the west. Now there were 40, and 27 of these were in government hands. Five thousand applicants had been received for advice and aid on water schemes. Some of these were farm schemes, others were community projects. One of the things that had been discovered was that about 90 per cent. of the dug-outs in western Canada had not been properly constructed. This was being inquired into with the object of finding the best method.

In Position To Know

Woman Could Not Be Told Anything About War

Not long ago a Windsor woman was asked to sign a petition against war. She said she was not particularly interested in the petition as she thought it was only an election dodge anyway.

"If you know anything about war, you would sign," the woman was told.

"Oh, I know something about war," replied the other woman, "two of my brothers were killed, my other brother was wounded and my husband has never recovered from the effects of his wounds."—Windsor Daily Star.

Fatsy was still a very little girl, but quite interested in new words. After hearing a conversation between two elders, she said: "Mother, what is temperment?"

Mother (absently)—Oh, just a temper with a ruffle on it.

Helping The Lumbermen

New Trade Agreement Means Much To British Columbia

British Columbia lumbermen have reason to be jubilant over the provisions of the Canada-United States trade agreement, because where they were shipping less than 100,000,000 feet of western hemlock and Douglas fir—of which this province has a monopoly—they are now given a quota of 250,000,000 feet board measurement a year.

The result of this concession, according to preliminary estimates, will mean the employment of another two thousand men in the forests of this province. It is difficult for the layman to put into statistics what this new employment can be worked out on a dollar-and-cents value for the ordinary worker. But the fact is obvious that for every hundred men who go into the forests of British Columbia to take out logs for the manufacture of timber for export, there must be at least five hundred persons who derive either direct or indirect benefit.

British Columbia's forest industry implies a demand upon factories which turn out wearing apparel and those who produce food. It will be possible for workers in the forests to buy these things cheaper after January 1, 1938, than it has been during the last five years.

The agreement is mainly to help the consumer. There lies its chief virtue.—Victoria, B.C., Times.

Was Decided Success

Exhibitors Enthusiastic Over Royal Winter Fair This Year

The Royal Winter Fair, largest agricultural fair in the Dominion and second only to the international exposition at Chicago, is over for another year.

Officials tested with satisfaction that the fair this year was an undoubted success, with larger entries, larger attendances and great benefits to exhibitors.

So large was the entry this year many exhibitors were forced to keep their stock on their own farms until judging days arrived.

"They said it would be 25 years before we filled the horse palace," said one official, "and we had it filled this year on the second day of the fair."

Exhibitors of farm implements were equally enthusiastic. One exhibitor said farmers were showing "a great deal of confidence that seems to surpass that of last year."

Livestock sales were brisk. One exhibitor sold a cow for \$1,500 and another a bull for \$1,000. The champion Percheron sold for \$3,000 and another for \$1,250.

Famous Pigeon

Lost A Leg While Flying Through Barrage In Great War

The world's most famous pigeon, which lost a leg flying through a barrage in France with military information for the United States army, died recently at Hoozoum, aged 17 years, 11 months.

John was hatched on a French battlefield in January, 1918. Before he was many months old he was braving barrages in carrying important messages. He was wounded while flying from a front-line dugout to headquarters.

Men below saw a shell explode near him. The concussion tossed the pigeon upward, then he fell. As the bird dropped, he struggled to regain altitude. Finally he did so, and reached headquarters covered with blood, feathers ripped out and one foot gone.

The pigeon will be stuffed and sent to the aeronautical museum at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Automobile Production

Automobile production in Canada during October reached the highest total reported for any October since 1929. The output totaled 6,319 motor vehicles, an increase of 120 per cent. over the production in October of last year.

Decree Will Be Approved

German Colleges Will Not Admit Girls Who Cannot Cook

There have been no many actions by the Hitler government that have caused forth worldwide disapproval, not to say anger, that it is refreshing to turn to one which is very likely to evoke the very opposite sentiment. Germany's Minister of Education, Bernhard Rust, has just issued a decree that German girls who do not know how to cook will not be admitted to colleges or universities.

After the spring of 1937 sixteen-year-old girls students must pass an examination in the fundamental duties of housewives before being accepted—and their mothers must teach them.

That sounds to us like sound common sense. It has never been quite clear why so many girls regard ability to administer a house as derogating from their dignity as college or varsity students, and hold that it is belittling to the possession of a university degree to possess also a sound knowledge of cooking. If girls only realized that the young men who are looking around for wives indistinctly prefer a good meal cooked at home to a full course dinner in a restaurant and have more respect for the girl who helps her mother with the housework than for the girl who affects to consider doing so a humiliation!

The young housewife who knows how to cook also knows how to shop, and is by training economical. And that is one of the most invaluable virtues any young housewife can possess, nowadays. Young men, not being entirely blind even where their choice of wives is concerned, have a habit of appreciating such qualities even more than the ability to wear a pretty dress gracefully or to dance and stay up till three and keep good tempered all the time.—Montreal Star.

Dry Area Water Plan

Residents In Drouth Areas Are Taking Great Interest In Scheme

Widespread interest on the part of residents in the drouth area of the prairies had developed as a result of the work of the water development committee, working under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, according to reports presented the committee meeting in Regina.

Since the committee started its work this year a total of 5,000 applications had been received from individuals for private irrigation schemes consisting in construction of dug-outs, stock watering dams and small irrigation projects.

Visitor—"Does your husband know much about horses?"

Wife—"Rather; the day before the race he knows which horse is sure to win, and the day following he knows why it did not."

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Little Progress Has Been Made In Measuring Up To Nature's Plan Of Lighting

Let's take a look at nature's lighting intensity as contrasted with man's, and see for ourselves what little progress we've made. Sunlight measures around 10,000 footcandles. But you ask, what is a footcandle? A footcandle is a standard unit of light just as a degree is a measurement of temperature. It is easy to understand. All you have to remember is that it represents the amount of light a candle will cast on a surface placed one foot away.

Maybe 10,000 footcandles of light is a bit uncomfortable for reading black print on white paper, so you draw yourself under the shade of a tree where there is upwards of 10,000 footcandles. With what pleasure and eye comfort you read here; or take your book to the back porch. On a clear day you will enjoy light equivalent to 500 footcandles. Or near the window, indoors, even on only a fairly clear day, you will find your eyes benefiting from an infinity of 200 footcandles.

Then night compels you to go indoors, where you may use your eyes more for close work—such as reading and sewing—than during the daytime. But have you 1,000 footcandles of light to help accomplish your task with ease and comfort? By no means. Nor 200 either. Most of us turn on a 40-watt bulb in a bridge lamp and proceed to read a newspaper or book under three to five footcandles—less than one-half of one per cent. of the idea we struck under the shady tree.

It is under such poor seeing conditions that eyestrain develops, an eyestrain eventually leading to defective vision. Practically all of us are born with normal vision, but by the time school age is reached we have already formed the habit of reading and working in half light. This we continue to do year after year until our eyes finally rebel and only the kindly service of an eyesight specialist can compensate for our needless abuse.

In these days of business efficiency you would think that office and factory lighting would be equally modern. What are the facts? If you are fortunate enough to have your desk or lathe near a window, you may have 50 footcandles of illumination. But if you are 10 feet away you may be getting only eight and at some distance from the window the intensity may be as low as one or two footcandles. With all the artificial light turned on the amount may be increased at this point to six or seven, or eight footcandles, less than a hundredth of what nature gives us under a tree.

The cleanness, quickness and ease with which we see objects depends upon four important characteristics of the objects. These are the sizes of the objects, its contrast with its background, the amount of light falling upon it, and the time available for looking at it, however, only one of these factors—quantity of light—is usually controllable. In sewing, for example, the size of the thread and its contrast with the cloth are fixed by the nature of the sewing to be done. We can take longer to do the work, or we can improve the lighting. Fortunately, the handpiece of small sizes or low contrasts can be offset, in most cases, by an increase in the amount of light upon the work. Hence, a knowledge of these fundamental factors will aid in deciding how much light is needed for various tasks.

A newspaper is more difficult to read than most books—even though the letters are of identical size. In fact, measurements show that the newspaper should receive three times as much light as the book in order that the two tasks should be of equal visibility. In this case the handicap of lower contrast is compensated for by more light.

When driving an automobile, it is often necessary to see signal or signs in a fraction of a second. But it takes time to see; it's time has been accurately measured and it is now known that we often fail to see signals because their visibility is too low for the short time available for seeing. Higher intensities of illumination shorten the time required to see—or, in other words, increase our speed of vision.

Citizens Fear Famine

Granaries Of Bessarabia Almost Empty After Crop Failure

Bessarabia, prairie province on the Russian border, faces the winter with granaries almost empty, and with citizens fearing the possibility of grave famine.

The Rumanian ministry of interior, after months of silence, has acknowledged that the plight of Bessarabians is serious, and has issued a public appeal for aid in warding off malnutrition and actual starvation in the extensive region.

Not for years had Bessarabia experienced a drought so severe as that of last summer. Thousands of head of livestock died of thirst, or starved because of lack of vegetation. Many districts reported that crops were virtually a total failure, and that even now, when harvests should have filled warehouses and peasants' barns, bread has become a rare article.

There was a little barley and the harder weeds grew rather well. So, lacking ingredients, peasants have been making a sort of bread from a mixture of ground barley, weed seeds and bran. For a time the censor forbade publication of these dismal reports in Rumania.

March Of Progress

Social Credit Sure To Supersede Present Form Of Government Says Aberhart

Social Credit in Quebec is inevitable, Premier William Aberhart, of Alberta, said on his arrival in Montreal to discuss Alberta finances with R. J. Magor, Montreal business man, who has been engaged to study the financial condition of the province.

With Premier Aberhart were Hon. C. Cockroft, Alberta provincial treasurer, and Hon. W. A. Fallow, Alberta minister of public works and roads.

Social Credit will come in the same way as candles were changed to electric light and ox-carts to automobiles, Premier Aberhart said. "That's progress."

Man: "So you've bought a second-hand automobile, have you. Do you drive or does your wife drive it?" Priest: "Neither of us drive it. We coast it."

A new nine-hole golf course in Bathurst, South Africa, is said to be the cheapest in the world, the green fee being six cents a round.

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

An ample supply of food for the United States during the current year, was forecast by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Peter Z. Caverhill, chief forester of British Columbia for the past 15 years and connected with forestry work in Canada since 1912, died suddenly at his home in Victoria.

A deputation of women suffragists from Bermuda, waited upon J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, asking for equal suffrage for women in that island.

A large number of Italians, fearing complications in their country's Ethiopian campaign, are applying at Queensland, N.S.W., for British citizenship in order to avoid military service.

First Canadian dentist to use gas to ease the pain of his patients, Dr. J. M. Neelands has celebrated his 97th birthday. Dr. Neelands practiced at Lindsay, Ont., for 63 years, retiring in 1932.

Perhaps because of the prospective extension of trans-Pacific air lines to South Seas, an aviation club has been formed at Papeete, Tahiti, under official sanction. The officers and instructors will come from France.

Burglars with plumbers' skill stole every bathtub in an unfinished 158-apartment building during the last few months, H. A. Fitzgerald, the owner, reported to Chicago police. The plumbing equipment was valued by Fitzgerald at \$14,000.

Dahlias, more than a foot long and embedded in ice were on exhibition at the Newcastle horticultural spring show. They were shipped in ice cakes from California to Australia and arrived as fresh as newly cut blooms.

Firing Squad Finishes Story

Last Chapter Written In Life Of Soviet Woman

A Russian firing squad has written the last chapter to a sad story in the life of the Soviet.

Some months ago Grandmother Parenova was working on a collective farm. Feeling hungry she took some of the grain. Secret police swooped down to the peasant woman, arrested her and had her punished.

Christina Parenova discovered that her stepson Peter, a young Communist of 13, had betrayed his grandmother to the police. It was the boy who had led the officials to the home of his grandmother and informed them where to find the stolen grain.

So incensed was Christina, she sent young Peter to the cellar to sort potatoes. Creeping up behind him, she crushed his head with a rock, buried his body last July. Then she said he must have been drowned in the river. But boy friends of Peter, knowing him as a good swimmer, said he could not have drowned. Police got on the job, finally searched Christina's home, found the charred remains of Peter's body.

Tried for killing her stepson, who had betrayed his hungry grandmother, Christina was sentenced to death before a firing squad. Grandmother Parenova, found guilty as an accomplice, was sentenced to eight years in prison.

So ends a chapter of life in the Soviet.—Windsor Daily Star.

Rose Industry of Britain

Has Grown Rapidly Since Foreign Trees Made Durable

Britain's rose tree industry has grown rapidly since the 1932 imposition of import duties on foreign trees, according to the Association of British Rose Growers.

Figures show that 2,946 men are directly employed in the industry compared with 1,300 before the introduction of the duties in 1932. Land under cultivation amounts to 2,835 acres compared with the 1932 figure of 1,280 acres.

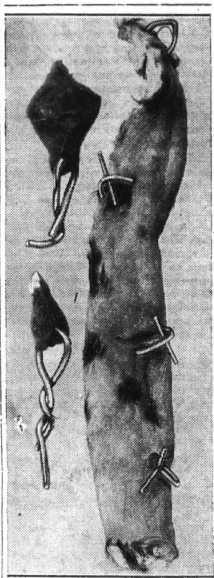
Saskatchewan Honey Production Saskatchewan beekeepers harvested more than 1,034,000 pounds of honey this year, an increase of 59 per cent. over 1934. The large gain in honey production is attributed to the increase in the number of beekeepers as well as in the number of colonies.

Wires In Cattle Hides

Good Hides Degraded In Value By This Practice

Tanners have for some time been calling the attention of meat packers to the presence of pieces of wire found to be fastened in the skins of cattle. The accompanying cuts are from samples sent to The Industrial and Development Council of Canadian Meat Packers by tanners.

It seemed almost incredible that the samples sent in should be anything more than a very rare condition. That is, it appeared to be almost unbelievable that any numbers of producers would insert pieces of wire into the skins of live animals for any reason or purpose whatsoever. However, painstaking examination of the skins from lot after lot of cattle killed at packing plants leaves no doubt that this practice is followed to some extent. Quite a number of



shipments have been identified back to the sellers. In one case nine animals one lot had such pieces of wire in the skins.

The wires are found mostly in the dewlap or brisket and flanks. These locations, where the skin hangs loose, are apparently favorite places for their insertion. What purpose they are supposed to serve is not altogether determined. It is said in some cases to be for a private mark of identification; and, again, it is suggested that they are amulets to ward off disease. Many of the wires are of copper. They are difficult to detect at the packing plants in the long hair of the hides.

Tanners complain most strenuously about the damage caused by such pieces of metal. They claim that a single hide in which a piece of wire is inserted may cause very serious loss. Certain finely adjusted machines through which the skins pass as they are being processed into leather are damaged by this single piece of wire. This damage is serious, but more important is the fact that the dislocation of the adjustment of the machines causes all hides that follow through to be badly scored until the trouble is discovered. Good hides may thus be greatly degraded in value.

Another thing that is more common than will readily be credited, is the presence of "wattles" in cattle hides. These wattles are tent-like protuberances in the skin, apparently artificially produced by cattle owners for the purpose of identification. They may be located in different positions. Every skin that has a wattle is degraded to No. 2. An otherwise first class hide is definitely lowered in value by this practice.

It will readily be seen that these things are of immediate interest to every Canadian cattle producer. While no great number of producers follow these practices those that do, particularly those who insert wires into the skins of their cattle definitely affect the standing of Canadian

JUNIOR MINISTER



Lord Stanley, prominent British parliamentarian, who has been appointed Financial Secretary to the Admiralty. This is one of the junior ministerial posts in the British Government.

cattle hides. Insofar as the origin of the cattle has been traced, it appears that where wires are found they are nearly always in western cattle. The hides of cattle from the ranching and semi-ranching districts of Western Canada are devalued because of the general practice of branding. This, however, is claimed to be essential in the business. But surely the insertion of wires is not essential.

Every Canadian cattleman, every salesman and buyer, every farm paper, every Government officer having to do with cattle improvement should interest themselves in eliminating such practices. As is the case in all products, the reputation of Canadian hides as a whole is affected by any detrimental practices. It is in the individual and national interest to correct them.

B.C. Rhodes Scholar

Arthur Joseph Johnson Of Vancouver Is Chosen

Arthur Joseph Johnson, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Vancouver, has been chosen British Columbia Rhodes scholar for this year, the selection committee announced.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of British Columbia in the faculty of arts, class of 1935. He took first class honors each term during his four years in history, economics and political science.

Mr. Johnson intends to enter residence at Oxford University in the autumn of 1936. He proposes to read for the honor school of jurisprudence and then take his Ph.D. in jurisprudence.

The certainty of punishment, even more than its severity, is the preventive of crime.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 22

MALACHI FORETELLS A NEW DAY

Golden text: Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me. Malachi 3:1.
Lesson: Malachi 1:1 to 4:6.
Devotional reading: Isaiah 11:1-10.

Explanations And Comments

Malachi Foretells a New Day, verses 1-6. In the preceding verse the prophet represents the people of Judah as complaining that the wicked please God, that God is not just in causing them to prosper while they, the righteous, suffer. "Where is the God of Justice?" they question. Now the prophet represents God as replying to them and encouraging them with a message of hope. "Behold, I send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me," Zechariah (8:3) had promised that Jehovah would come to his temple, and our prophet assures the people of his coming; the messenger of the covenant, who is part of the covenant or agreement with his people, cometh.

An Appeal to the People, verses 7-12. "From time immemorial you have turned away from my ordinances, the expressions of my will, and have not kept them, but if you will turn about and obey them, I will pardon you and grant you my favor," said the Lord. "But," you say, "wherein, in what respects, have we not obeyed you that we must turn?" "Will a man rob God?" The question is used for the sake of emphasis; it calls for an emphatic negative answer. "Yet ye rob me," said the Lord.

Malachi has an argumentative, matter-of-fact way of putting things. His regular formula is first a statement of a principle (as in verse 7) or a denunciation (as in verse 8), then an imaginary objection from those addressed, phrased as a question (Wherein shall we rob thee? Wherein have we robbed thee?) followed by a refutation of their objection (You have robbed me in tithes and offerings). See 1:6-14, and Lev. 27:30-32; Num. 18:21, 24. "You are cursed with a curse; you and your whole nation are suffering the penalty for having robbed me."

Dr. George Adam Smith warns us not to see in this a purely legal spirit, for the neglect to pay the tithes was due to a religious cause, unbelief in Jehovah, and the return to belief in him could not, therefore, be shown in a more practical way than in the payment of tithes. "Bring the whole tithe that is due into my storehouse," said Jehovah. Surrounding the second temple on three sides was a "great chamber" consisting of three stories divided into rooms to receive the tithes and offerings. "Do this, and test me, and I will send rain in abundance. I will see that the devourer (literally, the sower, the locust or any other insect) shall not destroy your crops; nor shall fruit fall untimely from your vines. All nations shall call you happy for yours will be a delightful land." See Isa. 62:4.

Manufacturers of Jews harps in Birmingham, England, report a shortage of skilled tongue setters, who are responsible for the adjustment of the metal strip which vibrates to produce the sound.

Chicago Grain Show

Canadian Farmers Harvested A Heavy Crop Of Awards

Canadian farmers harvested a heavy crop of the grain and livestock awards bestowed at the 1935 International Livestock exposition, which closed at Chicago after breaking all attendance records.

With 30 states and five Canadian provinces represented in the display of fine farm animals and crops, Ontario growers came fourth in the total number of awards headed only by the great "corn belt" farming states of Indiana (first), Illinois (second) and Iowa (third).

Ontario's total was 19 championships, and 44 first prizes, Indiana, whose farmers captured the lion's share of the honors, took 57 championships and 80 blue ribbons.

Quebec had two championships and six first prizes. Alberta farmers took one championship and six blue ribbons. British Columbia took two first prizes and Saskatchewan one.

For the seventh consecutive year the most coveted grain award went north to Canada when W. Frelan Willard, Staveland, Alta., was declared "wheat king" of 1935. Another Canadian, William Rogers, of Tappan, B.C., was made reserve champion.

Another Canadian was declared the champion soy bean producer, the honor going to G. Gordon Finlay, Northwood, Ont. Judges chose as the finest flower shown by these exhibitors, James William Shearer, Morris, Alta., and gave the reserve championship to C. W. Stirling, Sidney, B.C.

Another Canadian sample, this time of field beans, was also declared the best at the international. The winner was J. Graham, Iron Springs, Alta. George Taylor, Milford, Ont., showed the sample which won the reserve championship.

Ellsworth Francis, of Renfrew, took another of the seed awards, showing the reserve champion sample of alfalfa seeds.

Intended to encourage the breeding of superior meat animals, the exposition annually selects grand champions of the fat livestock—a grand champion steer, hog, sow and wether. One of these three major awards was carried off by J. D. Larkin Inc., Queenston, Ont., which showed the grand champion wether, later selling him at auction for \$1.10 a pound.

It was only one of 13 championships of reserve championships awarded to sheep exhibited by Canadians in fat sheep. They showed the champion long wool wether and reserve; the champion Lincoln wether, and reserve. In the judging of breeding sheep, they showed the champion Cotswold ewe, and reserve; the champion Southdown ewe; the champion Southdown ram, and reserve; the champion Lincoln ram, and reserve champion ewe; and the reserve champion Shropshire ewe.

Besides the championships, Canadian sheep took 32 blue ribbons signifying first prize.

In three sales of fine cattle, the highest prices paid went to stock put on auction by Canadians.

"Lacy of Aberlath 8th," consigned by Edward Brothers, Watford, Ont., sold for \$400 at the exposition auction, setting the high mark of that sale. Otto Lantz, Newstadt, Ont., bought her.

A pure bred Shorthorn bull consigned by the Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., Toronto, brought the highest price at an auction of breeding Shorthorn selling for \$900. Another bull from the same company's herd sold for the top price at sale of dairy Shorthorns, bringing \$510. G. L. Smith, Meadowdale, Ont., bought him.

More Fine Wool

There has been a marked increase in the production of fine wool in Saskatchewan and other western provinces, according to W. H. J. Tidale of the Co-operative Wool Growers. In the past 15 years the fine grade wool has increased from two to forty per cent, due mainly to the importation of suitable breeding stock.

Woman Sues Santa Claus

Santa Claus is being sued for \$25,000 damages in Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Linnie Honeycutt says that a Santa Claus, who she says drove around town on a truck advertising a local store. He threw sweets to the children, and a lump of peppermint rock hit her, causing serious injuries.

Gift Suggestion For A Housewife

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There's no Alice Brooks pattern book published

NO NEW SCHEMES UNDERMARKETING ACT FOR PRESENT

Ottawa.—No new schemes will be considered under the Natural Products Marketing Act and schemes already in operation will not be further expanded, it was announced to the Dominion-provincial committee on agriculture by its chairman, Hon. James G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare a resolution on farm credits and debt adjustments.

The Natural Products Marketing Act, passed in 1934, has been operating in practically every part of Canada and is now among the half dozen statutes referred to the supreme court of Canada for decision as to their constitutional validity.

Mr. Gardiner announced plans to go slow until the supreme court of Canada decides whether the act is constitutional.

Some 22 schemes are in operation under the marketing act. These will continue but no further expansion of their activities will be undertaken until the validity of the act is decided.

Eight proposed schemes will be held up. These include livestock marketing schemes in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island; poultry marketing in Saskatchewan, honey marketing in Ontario, and red shrimp domestic marketing in British Columbia.

Immigration Policy Changed

Dominion Government Decides To Remove Limitation In Report

Montreal.—A step in the direction of letting down the bars against European immigration has been taken by the Dominion government. The Gazette says in a despatch from its Ottawa correspondent.

The paper continues: "In the past two or three years the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways have each been permitted to bring to Canada 50 families from central Europe who are financially equipped and prepared to go on Canadian farms."

"Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of immigration, after a discussion with the transportation companies has, it is understood, decided to remove the limitation, but it is believed that this will not result in any flood of European farm immigrants, for the transportation companies have intimated that even with the barrier gone they will not be able to bring more than 100 families each."

"While unemployment is prevalent throughout the Dominion it is extremely unlikely the government will facilitate the movement of Europeans to this country to seek employment wherever available, but the present policy of confining immigration to those from central and northern Europe who are fitted for agriculture will be continued until there is a marked improvement in industrial activity."

Will Receive Consideration

Civic Heads Think Ottawa Should Assume Cost Of Relief

Ottawa.—Civic heads representing the Dominion mayors' conference who came to Ottawa for the Dominion-provincial parley decided at an informal meeting to return to their homes.

Their decision followed individual interviews with Dominion and provincial members of the unemployment and financial committees who gave the assurance that the financial plight of municipalities in the matter of relief would be given serious consideration.

It was understood the two Dominion-provincial conference committees considered there was no necessity for the majority representatives to appear before them.

The mayors offered their assistance to the two conference committees as a follow-up to the proposal they placed before Prime Minister King and provincial premiers to the effect that the federal government should assume the whole cost of relief.

Amend B.N.A. Act

All Provinces Said To Be In Agreement For Change

Ottawa.—All the provinces are said to be in agreement that new provisions should be made to amend Canada's constitution, the British North America Act, it was learned here. A sub-committee of the Dominion-provincial conference is wrestling with the problem under the chairmanship of Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice.

It was stated semi-officially a great deal of unanimity had been reached in the discussions and that "Quebec has gone a long way" in favor of changes, but was firm in its former position that nothing should be done to endanger minority or provincial rights.

Quebec's suggestion is understood to be that on a definite list of questions, the act might be amended by the Dominion parliament when it had the sanction of say two-thirds of the provinces. On all other questions the unanimous approval of the provinces would be required.

Cause Of Drouth

Recession Of Rocky Mountain Glaciers Given As Reason

Toronto.—A gradual recession of the Rocky Mountain glaciers is responsible for drouth conditions in Western Canada. Dan McCowan, noted Banff, Alta., naturalist, said in an address before members of the Electric club.

Numerous forest fires in the vicinity of the glaciers have caused a 24-hour melting of the ice instead of the usual six hours daily. If the melting continues for the next few years a great change will be noted in the flow of the Saskatchewan and other western rivers.

Instead of committees trying to decide what to do about the gradual melting of the once magnificent glaciers, Mr. McCowan said, a concentrated effort should be made toward reforestation.

Good Shipping Season

Best Business On Great Lakes This Season Since 1929

Port William.—The best shipping season at the head of the Great Lakes since 1929 was ended recently as winter slipped a layer of ice over the slips and harbor sections of Thunder Bay.

The final count showed arrival during the summer and fall of 402 package freighters at the Port Arthur freight sheds compared with 397 last season, and a record season since 1929.

In the towering elevators here are 50,000,000 bushels of grain, much of which will be stored in the winter boats. Since navigation opened approximately 187,500,000 bushels of all grains have been cleared down the Lakes.

Kidnapper Suspects

Two Men Arrested In Illinois In Connection With Labatt Affair

Ottawa, Ill.—A trap set by U.S. justice department agents snapped shut on two alleged kidnappers of John S. Labatt, wealthy Canadian brewer, ending a 14-month hunt over most of North America.

The pair were nabbed after a lively street chase in downtown Ottawa. Their arrest was officially confirmed later by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the justice department's bureau of investigation in Washington.

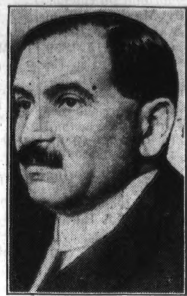
Planning Another Flight

Montevideo, Uruguay.—Jean Batten, 25-year-old New Zealand woman flyer, announced before she sailed for England that she plans a northern trans-Atlantic flight within six months. She will fly in the same plane in which she made a record solo crossing of the south Atlantic from Dakar to Natal in November, she explained.

Need Hangars Underground

London.—Lord Strickland, who headed the ministry in Malta, 1927-32, told the house of lords underground aeroplane hangars were needed on the island naval base on the Mediterranean to augment defence measures already taken there. 2129

UPHOLD



Pierre Laval, Premier of France, faced the Chamber of Deputies the other day with the knowledge that he may be thrown out of office. However, the Deputies voted confidence in his ability to bring the nation out of the economic distress which it has suffered.

Uniform Company Laws

Matter Will Come Up At Next Session Of Parliament

Ottawa.—Uniform company laws for all provinces will be drawn up by a committee of Dominion and provincial officials for presentation to the next session of parliament, as a result of action taken by the Dominion provincial conference committee on constitutional amendments.

Under the chairmanship of Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, the committee adopted the following resolution: "That the secretary of state convene a committee of appropriate officials of the Dominion and provinces to prepare a draft new act or amendments to the present act for the purpose of securing uniform laws dealing with companies throughout Canada."

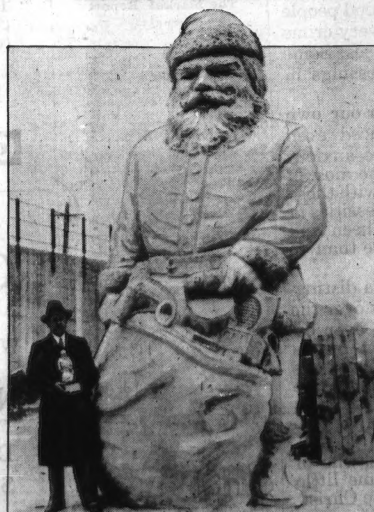
London As Film Centre

Largest Studio In Europe To Be Built

In England.—The largest, most modern film studios in Europe are being built at Elstree, England's "Hollywood," at a cost of \$2,500,000 to be available for independent producers of any country who may hire them.

S. H. Soskin, London financier, is backing the enterprise; which he declared would make London the film centre of the world. The studios will contain all the most advanced technical equipment, and will provide accommodation for production of 16 pictures simultaneously.

SANTA CLAUS GIVEN SANTA CLAUS



This 20-ton granite monument of Santa Claus was donated by Carl Barrett, prominent Chicagoan, to the widely-known town of Santa Claus, Indiana, to grace the community park.

Empire Broadcast

Message From His Majesty The King On Christmas Morning

Ottawa.—In the presence of his family at the country home in Sandringham, King George again will broadcast a Christmas message to a listening empire. This year His Majesty will be introduced by a small girl before a microphone in far away New Zealand.

The empire broadcast will be heard in Canada from 9:30 a.m. (E.S.T.) to 10 a.m. Christmas Day over the Canadian Radio Commission's national network. Canada's part in it will fall to an Ottawa family, who will send greeting to relatives in England, Ireland and Australia and tell how they are spending the day.

Other "sound pictures" of this kind will come from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, alternating with South Africa, India, Australia and New Zealand, where the little girl will be allowed to sit up well after midnight—it is, early forenoon in Canada and afternoon at Sandringham—to introduce the king.

South Africa is billed to describe the summer weather there, and to contribute music from a native compound. India will describe a formal dinner party, in keeping with the hour there.

A Full Time Job

J. R. Murray Will Give Entire Time To Wheat Board

Winnipeg.—J. R. Murray, recently appointed to the chairmanship of the Canadian Wheat Board, will devote his entire time to his new duties, it was announced here following a meeting of directors of the Alberta Pacific Grain Company, Limited, of which he is general manager.

Mr. Murray has been granted leave of absence from the company, the announcement said. The Wheat Board chairman also announced he had severed his connection with various other grain companies and companies having any dealings in cereals.

Fed Special Diets

Chickens Stolen From Agricultural College Dangerous For Food

Guelph, Ont.—Chickens stolen from the Ontario Agricultural College during the last month were fed special diets which might be dangerous to humans, Prof. W. R. Graham, head of O.A.C. poultry department, said recently.

"A chicken can stand a quantity of Vitamin B that would kill a dog in eight hours," said Prof. Graham. "Some of the stolen fowl were fed a concentrated Vitamin B diet and some others were given a special diet in connection with research work. I hope nobody ate any of them."

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE PLANS MOVE FORWARD

Washington.—Representatives of four governments combined to remove one of the principal obstacles to the inauguration of regular trans-Atlantic air service for passengers and mail.

British, United States, Irish and Canadian officials agreed in principle to extend reciprocal landing and operating privileges in their countries for such service, and it was indicated that experimental flying might start next spring.

Pan-American Air Lines and British Imperial Airways, Ltd., are understood to have worked out arrangements for joint establishment of such a service. They were said to plan to use flying boats of the type of the "China Clipper," now in service on the trans-Pacific run.

The agreement on landing facilities capped more than a week of conferences of the visiting officials and the United States inter-departmental committee on international aviation.

The agreement, it is understood, will make available to the British company landing facilities in the United States and to the American company landing facilities not only in Bermuda but in Canada, Ireland and Great Britain.

Permission still must be obtained by both companies from the Portuguese government for the purpose of landing in the Azores, but this was looked upon as creating no great difficulty.

Under the proposed arrangement, Pan-American would operate the mail service from the United States to Europe and Imperial Airways from Europe to North America.

Big Increase In Revenues

Higher By \$12,000,000 Than For Same Period Last Year

Ottawa.—Improvement in federal revenues is indicated by official returns up to the end of November, when the yield from all sources reached a total of \$287,866,000, or approximately \$13,000,000 more than the corresponding period last year.

The revenue came from the following sources: Customs, \$51,315,000; excise duties, \$31,007,000; excise taxes, \$72,687,000; income tax, \$69,700,000; post office, \$19,287,000; miscellaneous, \$14,000,000.

Ordinary expenditures to the end of November came to \$245,674,000, or \$1,500,000 more than the corresponding period last year. Special expenditures were made up as follows: Public Works Construction act, \$30,000,000; unemployment relief, \$24,000,000; capital expenditure \$28,000,000; loans to provinces, \$24,763,000; farm loan board, \$2,900,000; loans to Canadian National Railways \$31,500,000.

Motor Truck Inquiry

Ask Government To Investigate Problems Of This Industry

Ottawa.—An investigation of the motor transit industry was urged on the Dominion-provincial conference by truck operators. The request was in the form of a resolution.

The conference was asked to recommend to the Dominion and provincial governments that a fact-finding commission or board whose members are conversant with the operation of and the problems confronting the industry throughout Canada be appointed with instructions to "investigate and inquire thoroughly into the motor transport industry, the conditions under which it operates, its proper functions, its problems and its possibilities."

The resolution was approved by the Canadian Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Industrial Traffic League (highway transportation committee).

Pension Cheques As Usual

Ottawa.—Canadian war pensioners will receive their cheques on the usual monthly dates this year and no advance payment of pensions will be made for the Christmas holiday. It was learned at the department of pensions and national health.

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Spruce Grove News.

A Social Credit meeting will be held in Winterburn hall Thursday Evg., Dec. 19. W. H. Kuhl, M. P., and W. E. Hayes, M.L.A., are billed to speak.

Students of the local High School are busy rehearsing for their annual concert, to be held next week.

An afternoon tea was given in honor of Mrs. R. Pinchbeck at the home of Mrs. F. J. Forbes on Thursday, December 12th.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, to the wife of Mr. Wm. Bredo, of Spruce Grove district, twin girls.

Some of the farmers of this district are complaining of the poor nourishment to stock in this year's grain, caused by the early frost. One grain grower estimates that 1 pair of 1934 wheat is equal to a sack of the current stuff. Hogs especially are said to be making poor headway.

U. G. G. Officers Move to Calgary.

R. S. Low, president and general manager of the United Grain Growers, will have his offices in Calgary, the move being made early in the coming summer, it has been announced by the Board in Winnipeg.

The move was made in the general interests of the company so that it might be better equipped to extend the work in the West.

Open Seasons for Game.

Deer, moose, Nov. 1 to Dec. 14
Ducks, geese, Sept. 16 to Nov. 14
Elk, Oct. 1—Dec. 14
Grouse, Oct. 1—10
Hungarian Partridge, Oct. 1—Nov. 30

Fox, Nov. 1—Jan. 31
Mink, martin, otter, Nov. 1—March 31

Muskrat, Mar. 1—April 30. South of N. Saskatchewan river, no open season.

Sunday Shooting is prohibited. Licenses may be procured at The Sun office.

Obituary.

Another oldtimer of Stony Plain district passed away on Tuesday morning in the person of Mr. Maxime Bileau. Deceased was born in Berthier, Que., on Aug. 15, 1859, and came to Alberta in the spring of 1892, and homesteaded on the Baseline, 3 miles east of the present site of Stony Plain, where he had resided up to the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; 2 daughters, Mrs. D. Rivest and Miss Irene; 1 son, Norbert; 1 brother; J. J. A. Bileau.

The funeral takes place today at 10 a.m. Services will be held at St. Joseph's church, by Rev. C. Keenan, the pastor. Interment will be made in St. Joseph's cemetery.

John Armbruster had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Inga Tax Collections.

Dec. 21—Royal Hotel, at Stony Plain.

Stony Plain and District.

Secretary Best will again be at the Royal Hotel, Stony Plain, on Saturday next, Dec. 21st.

S.P.H. and Public schools close tomorrow for Christmas holidays.

Trustees of Glory Hills S. D. held their final meeting of the year at the schoolhouse on Saturday last, with Chairman A. Jespersen presiding, and Trustees F. Spady and M. Schellenberger and Secretary Herb Wolfe in attendance. The latter presented the district's financial statement for 1935.

BUTTER AND EGGS WANTED at The Royal Cafe.

Notes of Sports.

Another hockey game at the local rink was played on Tuesday Evg., when the Rivendales team crossed sticks with Stony Juniors. Ice was in good condition, and some good stick handling was seen by players on 'each team, although the visitors won by a score of 5 to 2. Alvin Willie refereed. Stono players: Pat & W. Gannon, F. Mayer, H. Pailer, Earl Leeder, F. Carmichael, G. Michael, B. Seegle.

The Market Report

WHEAT.
No. 1 Northern..... 0.60
No. 2 Northern..... 0.58
No. 3 Northern..... 0.62
No. 4 Northern..... 0.60

BARLEY.
2 C. W..... 18
3 C. W..... 16
Extra 1 Feed..... 15
No. 1 Feed..... 13
No. 2 Feed..... 12

NO. 3..... 20
NO. 4..... 18



C. G. I. T. Concert.

Following is the program of the entertainment given Monday Evg. by Stony Plain C.G. I.T. groups:

- 1—Welcome Song
- 2—"Our Hat, or a Little Explanation; by Dorothy B. Feber:

—Cast—

Miss Anna Corbett... E. Zucht
Miss Judith Brent... E. Miller
Mrs. Harding... O. Kowensky
Madame Bennet... V. Fife
Maid... Jean Robertson

Scene: The drawing-room of Miss Corbett's house.

- 3—Carols: Deck the Hall!
Waits' Carol, Good King Wenceslas.

- 4—Catherine Parr; by Marion Baring.

—Cast—

Catherine Parr... N. Kowensky
Henry VIII... Erma Michael
Page... Anna Germanink
Scene: London; breakfast-chamber in the palace.

PART TWO.

1. Campfire scene and songs.
2. Deutsche Lieder: Oh Tannenbaum, Stille Nacht.
Agnes Lauxman, Margaret Pailer, Edna Zucht, Edna Miller.

3. Michael. By Miles Malle-son.
Cast.

Matryona... R. Carmichael
Aniska... Phyllis Bristow
Simon... Valborg Davidson
Michael... Rachel Willie
Nobleman... Olive Davidson
Nobleman's Servant,
Agnes Lauxman

Woman... Margaret Fife
Children: Barbara Kelly, June Krebs.

- Scene: A Russian Peasant's Hut

4. Carols, Proached Carol, Rocking, Carol of Beauty.

5. The Shepherd Who Did not Go; with a scene in Bethlehem and a cast of 12 characters.

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Santa Claus, Don Opert-hanser.

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Hard as the times have been for our own and other lands, we might have faced even darker days than those thru whose anxious hours we have passed. Never have the most of us had such an opportunity to share with those less fortunate than ourselves the necessities of life, and it is now and always has been and eternally will be more blessed to give than to receive.

It was a significant thing that a distinguished English novelist said recently over the radio "England today is kinder than ever before these trying days." Such a fact means more for England than that her coffers were overflowing with gold. If out of times like these there comes for the nation a Christmas of kinder hearts and nobler human sympathies, the gain will be worth the cost.

In spite of all our personal losses, who of us cannot gladden the heart of some little child, or by word and deed make the Christmas a happier one for some other fellow mortal than it otherwise might be?

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SYNOPSIS

Here is an absorbing and exciting story of a fight against stubborn prejudice and a bitter personal malignancy of a girl and a man battling racism, sabotage, bullets, and the treachery that would turn them against each other.

The story opens with Link Fleming addressing a meeting of Boone County cattlemen, called together with the object of forming an irrigation company.

Roper Kilgo, the boss of the Rawhide and nearby ranges, who seemed to approve the plan, but was really opposed to it, had forced Soak Torney, a derelict mining engineer, whom Kilgo knew would be called upon to give his expert opinion in favor of the scheme, to reverse his earlier endorsement, and declare that irrigation in Boone County so far as Hamilton's plan was concerned, was only a new-fangled way to waste money.

(Now Go On With The Story)

CHAPTER II—Continued

Buzz Hamilton uttered a derisive laugh. "Tryin' to threaten us into it now, eh? Save your breath. We don't care so easy."

"That's right, Link. Yuh lost yuh squawk about it?" calmly inquired Roper.

Already the ranchers were moving slowly toward the street door of the Trailend Hotel, talking in low tones. Many were disgruntled because, having been almost won over, or having

felt they would be forced into the scheme, they now were at a loss to account for the sudden change in temper.

He would have to act fast! "Men, I still believe in water! I land this much, that I'm going into it myself. I know some folks are going to back me on it, and there'll be others if you can see just how much the thing can do for you."

"Yeah, I'd put us on the poor-farm," drawled Matt Benson.

He ignored this, seeking Otto Pieper. "You claim to believe in progress. As head of the bank you're in a position to help any worthwhile movement. Will you support a dam on Silver Creek?"

They paused to hear Pieper's decision. His sallow face went paler and he twitched his shoulders uncomfortably. Conscious of its importance, he hesitated, scratching his pointed chin.

"Well, uh—I'm a great believer in progress, sure. Just the same," Otto pleaded weakly. "If Soak Torney knows all about irrigation like you told us yourself, and he ain't in favor of our riskin' forty to sixty thousand—"

"Uh, I couldn't say right off what I'd do about loans, Link."

There was a rustle of endorsement of this stand. "I'm not asking whether you'll give me anything, Otto. I just want to know if you'll loan money against my spread or stock, or whatever security I offer."

"Well, that depends. Don't reckon I'd treat yuh much different than anyone else."

He sought Sam Bass, who ran cows on a narrow strip of range a short distance from the Star Loop. More than once he had expressed the belief that "water's what we need, an' water's what we oughta get!"

"How about you, Sam? You told me just the other day you were sure this scheme would do wonders. Want to come in with me on it?"

Bass was rolling a cigarette as the invitation came. His fingers began to shake so that he was forced to use both hands. "D-d-don't hardly think I'd go agin expert advice, Link."

"Yuh don't need to ask me, yuh answer is nope," Orrey Jackson stated flatly, and headed for the door.

In another moment the hotel lobby would be empty. There was just one last appeal to be made, but perhaps it would turn the tide for the irrigation plan. He beckoned to Honest John Mulrooney, one of his very best friends, standing beside Marty Bush, who also was a tried friend. "I'm telling you somebody reached Torney, forced him to change his mind. How about going in with me in spite of everything?"

Mulrooney, what do you say?"

Honest John almost swallowed his quid of tobacco. He squinted sharply at Bush as if seeking an excuse, sighed, and yielded. "Shore," he said without enthusiasm. "Yuh back yuh, Link, for anything yuh say. I'm in this or any other scheme—and you can tell that to anybody yuh meet!"

Was the tide turning? A few men had paused interestedly, impressed.

"How about you, Marty?" Link asked quickly.

Bush fingered the buckle of his belt. "What John said goes for me too."

New hope sprang alive to warm his veins, and the "Big Loop" came grumbled. "Aw, the meeting's over, I reckon," Jackpot Mell called loudly, just as Fleming was about to follow his brief advantage. "Everybody step over to the Half Moon. Drinks are on the house!"

As once there was a shuffling of booted feet and as one man the crowd surged toward the door. Just then, however, a slight, dark-haired girl pushed and worked her way forward.

"Wait please!" she cried. "I believe like Mr. Fleming, that some one persuaded Soak Torney to say what he did. Why, Torney wrote me a letter in which he said irrigation would be wonderful, that it was the only hope of ranchers now the foot-hills are going to be barred as. Please, everyone, wait yuh wait!"

Frowning, the men turned about. As for Link, his statement quickly turned to a puzzled half-smiling look. He recalled now having noticed the girl's piquant oval face at the rear fringe of the crowd while he had been talking. But in his eager con-

centration at that time he had forgotten her.

Who was she? Her eyes were large and dark, her features regular. The close-fitting maroon hat could not prevent wings of chestnut hair from peeping turbidly forth. Fleming thought she would be nineteen or twenty, stately but not distant of manner, and girlishly lovely in the full bloom of healthful youth.

She must have come, he reflected, to the Flagstaff-to-Rawhide stage, for a while ago he had seen it stop before the hotel, then roll ponderously away.

"The men were staring at her. 'Why are you so blind?' she reproached excitedly. 'Don't you see that Mr. Fleming thought she would be nineteen or twenty, stately but not distant of manner, and girlishly lovely in the full bloom of healthful youth.'"

"You ain't got any call to bust in here!" Buzz interrupted harshly.

"The girl ignored him. 'I'm Helen Hamilton of the Triple H—most of you men know me. I've been east the last two years, and I've seen irrigation there. I know it will work. Why, it's the only salvation for ranchers, our only hope! I've studied it as much as I could. Yes, and as I told you, I had a letter from Mr. Torney. He said it was wonderful, that the Triple H would benefit—'"

"I tell yuh—"

"But we've got to go into it!" Panting, and with her face flushed and eyes glistening with enthusiasm, she turned to Link. "Mr. Fleming, our spread will join in this thing, then!"

she exclaimed, smiling. "You've got another lined up. Who else will come in?"

Link had climbed down from his chair. A knot of men watched interestedly as Buzz, working nearer, grasped the girl's arm. "You can't promise our spread'll go into any loan scheme like that! I'm manager there, and—"

"But I tell you we must," she pleaded. "If Torney said it was a good thing, and Mr. Fleming believes it is, then I believe in it too!"

"Soak changed his mind, didn't he?"

"Link hesitated, not wanting to cause friction between brother and sister. "Maybe we'd better talk this later on," he said in a low tone.

Hamilton heard him. "You keep out of it, savvy? I don't need yore help ruinin' my spread!"

"But irrigation is a good thing, Buzz, I know it is. Can't you see, someone certainly made Torney afraid to tell what he really thinks? It was in his manner, in his face!

Bank of Montreal's Strong Position

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, held at the Head Office on December 2, a large and representative gathering of shareholders expressed their unanimous approval of the statement and report of the directors for the fiscal year ending October 31.

The balance sheet showed that the total assets amounted to \$792,800,000, compared with \$759,100,000 a year ago.

Profits, after deducting Dominion and Provincial Government taxes, amounted to \$3,005,212 as compared with \$3,204,369 in 1934—a decrease of \$199,000, over half of which is due to the increase in Dominion and Provincial taxes.

Sir Charles Gordon, president, in his address, said he was sorry interest on bank deposits was cut from three to two per cent. This, he said, was rendered necessary by the pressure of the Government and the Central Bank for lower rates on Government loans.

"These low rates," he explained, "have resulted in a drastic cutting down of the earnings of the chartered banks, which have been forced to reduce their rates to depositors. Based on the results of the Bank of Montreal, it means that the depositors in all Canadian banks are receiving some \$17,000,000 less per annum than they did when the rate was 3½. In a sense this reduction may be regarded as a form of concealed taxation. I think that the sooner the public is educated to these facts, the better. Every man and woman should realize that no matter whether taxes are paid directly or not, no citizen escapes paying his share of the cost of government."

General Manager's Address
Mr. Jackson Dodds, joint general manager, in explaining the various items in the Bank's statement, referred to the failure of the lowering of the interest structure of the country to stimulate borrowing of money for productive and constructive purposes, remarking: "Lenders naturally shortened the terms of their commitments. They would not risk long term investments at low rates in the face of experiments of one kind and another, whether monetary, economic or socialistic. Until confidence is inspired by the adoption and carrying out of sound policies, the balancing of budgets by effecting economies and by the reduction of taxes, long term investments will be postponed and business recovery retarded."

"Taxation," he proceeded, "is primarily intended to cover state and municipal essential expenditures. That we have drifted a long way from the original intention is becoming more and more apparent. The burden of taxation imposed by our numerous governing bodies has grown to the point where it consumes capital resources, saps energy and enterprise, discourages industry, production and construction, and thereby increases unemployment. Taxing bodies are beginning to realize that, unless taxes are reduced by effecting economies in public expenditures, the source of taxation will ultimately be dried up."

Anyhow," she declared staunchly, "I own half the Triple H, and I'm going to see that we go in with Mr. Fleming. Why, got to do something, Buzz, or we'll be bankrupt in a year or two. And in our letters back and forth—"

"Letters!" His truculence heightened.

"Yes. You see, we've discussed this a good deal. Mr. Fleming wrote Father shortly after we got to Ohio. When Father died, I answered. He said you weren't much impressed with the idea, in fact were against it. That's why I've tried to explain."

Anger overpowered his flushed face. "Darn you, Fleming, so yuh played underhand on this, eh? Who told yuh to write my sister? Yuh never mentioned it to me!"

"Because I asked him not to, Buzz. I wanted to explain it to you myself."

Out of the corner of his eye Link saw Buster Townsend edge nearer as if fearful that danger threatened his

employer. It was plain that young Hamilton, much the worse for drinking before the ranchers had assembled, was in a trouble-making frame of mind. At Helen's words he stiffened and for the moment was utterly appalled. Anger welled hotter in the man and he seemed to be calculating what move to make next.

Roper Kilgo wore a saccharine peace-making smile on his round face as he approached and bowed gallantly. "Shore glad to see yuh, Helen! Been lookin' forward to this for a long time. How about ridin' out to the spread with yuh? Reckon we got plenty to talk over, eh, don't yuh?"

(To Be Continued)

Another Odd Name

Odd tavern names have come to light in England: "There stood," taverns called "The Hole in the Wall," in Chancery-lane (No. 89), for many years. It is referred to by Hazlitt in 1811, and it was extremely popular with boxers.

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MURRAY RESIGNS DIRECTORSHIPS IN GRAIN COMPANIES

Wheat Board Head is Granted Leave of Absence from Alberta Pacific Grain.

Following a meeting of directors of the Alberta Pacific Grain Company Limited, held in Winnipeg Dec. 10th, it was announced that J. E. Murray, general manager of the Company, had been granted leave of absence from the Company, in order to enable him to devote his entire time to his duties as Chairman of the Canada Wheat Board.

Mr. Murray subsequently announced that he had also severed his connection with various other grain companies and companies having any dealing in cereals.

What Makes Shopping Hard.

"Isn't hard to find what you want when you're shopping?" said one woman to another.

"Yes, indeed," replied the other heartily. "Especially when you don't know what it you want."

New and second-hand text books for public and high schools on sale at The Sun Book Shop.



Official Auditors.

An extra issue of the Alberta Gazette announces the appointment of the following as Official Auditors for the year 1936:

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Stony Plain—P. Werner, W. J. Davidson, Jas. Eaback, Rev. Emil Eberhardt, James Malloch, F. Cormack.

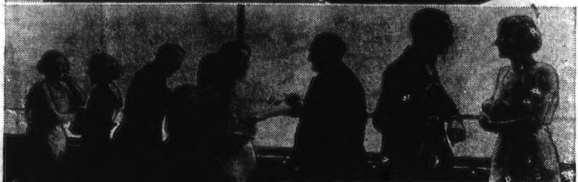
The UFA's Political Future.

Whether United Farmers of Alberta is to continue as a political organization, was a question debated at the convention of Lethbridge UFA Federal Constituency Assoc'n, held in Lethbridge last week. Opinion was divided some urging that the UFA should retain its political character "with the prospect of an election in the near future," while others advocated that it should continue merely as a social and economic organization. It was decided to await the action of Provincial UFA Convention in Edmonton Tuesday Jan. 21.

Ottawa Conference Proposals

Among the proposals submitted by a committee to the Dominion Provincial Conference held in Ottawa last week were: Reduction of interest rates on farm loans to 4 p.c.; elimination of duplicating agricultural services; study of marketing problems; Federal assistance to agricultural education; expansion of agricultural statistical services; and development of export. The committee was composed of representatives of all the provinces and Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal minister of agriculture.

EMPRESS Re-Designed for Cruises



By the installation of a permanent tiled swimming pool, increased deck space, and a Lido Cafe, the Empress of Australia, famous former world cruise liner of the Canadian Pacific, is being fitted for her three months West Indies cruise season in 1936.

The whole after-end of the 21,000 ton, three-funneled liner, is now being remodelled in England, and the structural changes being carried out will result in the addition of many square feet of deck space on "A" deck, an enlarged shelter promenade on "B" deck, and a spacious cafe facing a tiled open-air pool, which will be the central feature of the new sports deck.

The tiled swimming pool will have an area of 750 square feet. It will be 25 feet long and 30 feet wide. Gay umbrellas and comfortable lounges will be dotted about the deck for sun-bathers, and provision is being made for an additional full-size deck tennis court. The Lido deck extends to the stern of the ship.

leaving New York in January, February, March, and April, provide for a number of Scandinavian and Southern cruises during the summer. To provide additional comfort during the months the Empress for. Bathrooms are being added to a number of the bedrooms.

The Empress of Australia's West Indies cruise departures from New York will be January 23rd, February 12th, February 29th, March 21st, and April 9th, for cruises of 18 days, 16 days, and 10 days in length.

Photographs show a merry tea party, a before-dinner gathering on the new shelter deck, and a deck sports game.

Weather Forecasters.

Pipestone Creek, page the Indian who predicted an open winter, for further explanations as to how he figured it out. We have often heard of the Indians forecasting the weather in advance, but on occasions their prognostications do not prove very reliable. A number of years ago, so the story goes, a local Indian when asked what like a winter we were going to have replied "Very cold winter and lots of snow." When interrogated as to how he arrived at this conclusion he said "Monias (white man) got big wood pile."

Sound Financing.

Said Abie: "Cohen, I've been to the bank to borrow some money and they say all I need is that you sign to this your name. Their I can have all the money I need. Ain't that fine?"

"Abie," said Cohen, reproachfully, "you and me have been friends for many years and yet you go to a bank when you need money." Abie, you just go again to the bank and say that they should sign the note, and then Cohen will lend you the money."

Weak with the Grippe.

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Ratepayers of Inga Municipal District will please note that Secretary-Treasurer Jos. Best will be at the Royal Hotel, STONY PLAIN, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1935, for the purpose of Collecting Taxes.

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Italy's Wheat Imports

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